

Arqus
Joint Master's Programme
in European Studies

OPENING CONFERENCE
9 to 13 October 2023

**Europe as a global actor –
Exploring future perspectives
in teaching and research**

Granada • Graz • Leipzig • Vilnius
hybrid

Monday, 9 October

3.00–4.30 p.m* **Roundtable I** Online 

**On the Challenges of Researching Europe
as a Global Actor – Disciplinary and Regional
Experiences**

The plurality of approaches in teaching and research in European Studies are at the centre of this roundtable, which will situate the interdisciplinary program in a larger landscape of debates. How is „Europe“ conceptualized and taught in different academic contexts – both within and beyond the consortium that offers the transnationale Master's program? Which disciplinary, methodological, thematic and spatial foci are emphasized and why? Which transformations of the field and which new challenges can we identify considering the at times dramatic dynamics of the last years? And how can we think of European Studies not only as a transnational, but also as a transregional project, which addresses „Europe“ as a global actors?

Convenor: Steffi Marung, Leipzig, with Florian Bieber (UGraz), Gediminas Vitkus (U Vilnius), N.N. (U Granada), N.N. (U Basel).

5.30 p.m.

Words of Welcome Hybrid  

Prof. Dorothy Kelly, Coordinator of the Arqus European Universities Alliance, U Granada

Prof. Matthias Middell, Vice-Rector for Campus Development: Cooperation and Internationalisation, U Leipzig

Prof. Thorsten Schneider, Dean of Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Philosophy, U Leipzig

Prof. Dr Margarita Šešelgytė, Director of the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, U Vilnius

Univ. Prof. Mireille van Poppel, (Vice-Rector for Internationalization and Equal Opportunities, U Graz)

Prof. Ana María García Campaña, (Vice-Rector for PostGraduate Studies and Continuing Education, U Granada)

6.00 p.m.

**Keynote
and Reception** Hybrid  

Prof. Madina Tlostanova (Linköping U)
Reimagining Europe(s) in the Face of
the Complex Political, Enviro-climatic, and
Onto-epistemic Challenges

Venues for hybrid sessions:

Leipzig: Villa Tillmanns, Wächterstraße 30,
04107 Leipzig

Vilnius: Institute of International Relations and
Political Science, Vilnius University,
Vokieciu street 10, Vilnius, Room 102

Granada: Faculty of Law, Plaza de la Universidad, 1,
at the "Sala de Vistas" (first floor)

Graz: Universität Graz, Universitätsplatz 3,
first floor, SZ 01.18.

Tuesday, 10 October

3.15–4.45 p.m. **Roundtable II** Online 

Europeanisation under the Global Condition

The focus of this roundtable will be on how Europe's various roles as a global actor and the sometimes diverging ideas and projects of Europe have evolved over time. The role of colonialism and decolonization in the making of Europe, the use and abuse of religions in defining the boundaries of Europe, the narratives about Europe and Europeanisation in different geographic spaces as well as the dilemmas of a changing global economic system will be explored.

Convenor: Florian Bieber (U Graz), with Bilgin Ayata (U Graz), Elena Arigita (U Granada), Ramūnas Vilpišauskas (U Vilnius), Stefan Rohdewald (U Leipzig)

Wednesday, 11 October

3.15–4.45 p.m. **Roundtable III** Online



Europe and Law: Foundations, challenges, and future perspectives

The roundtable aims to show the potentialities of the law as a tool to confront global challenges (i.e., war vs. human rights; climate change; migrations), with its own impact on the European continent, and to what extent European legal responses can (or cannot) be extrapolated outside the continent.

Convenor: Amelia Díaz Pérez de Madrid (U Granada), with Teresa Fajardo (U Granada), José María Porras (U Granada), Prof. Em. Wolfgang Benedek (U Graz), Prof. Gilad Ben-Nun (U Leipzig).

Thursday, 12 October

3.15–4.45 p.m. **Panel** Online



European Studies in a World in Crises? Perspectives from Employers and Stakeholders

This roundtable brings together experts, potential future employers and stakeholders for whom the graduates of the transnational Master's program in European Studies might be interesting partners. What kind of knowledge, skills and competences do they consider most relevant from their perspective? What do they expect from graduates of such a program? Which challenges do they consider as upcoming and pertinent in the near future, that future staff members will have to deal with?

Convenor: Steffi Marung (U Leipzig), with N.N.

Friday, 13 October

3.15–4.45 p.m. **Student roundtable**



Empowering Tomorrow: Youth Engagement in Tackling Europe's Global Challenges

In this virtual roundtable, students will take center stage as both participants and speakers. They'll have the chance to connect with one another and engage in meaningful discussions about Europe's role as a global actor. Additionally, they'll have the opportunity to propose innovative solutions to address the pressing challenges facing Europe.

Convenor: Ieva Giedraitytė (U Vilnius)



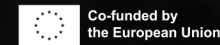
Conference zoom link:

<https://uni-leipzig.zoom.us/join/register/u5Muc-qhqzwoHdNitF-7w1bAayF-w6BFOqg6t>

Please register in advance.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the sessions.

* Please note, time table of this programme is indicated in Central European Time (CET)



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